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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. ISTOOK introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. EXPANSION OF DESIGNATED RENEWAL COM-**
4 **MUNITY AREA BASED ON 2000 CENSUS DATA.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 1400E of the Internal
6 Revenue Code of 1986 (relating to designation of renewal

1 communities) is amended by adding at the end the fol-
2 lowing new subsection:

3 “(g) EXPANSION OF DESIGNATED AREA BASED ON
4 2000 CENSUS.—

5 “(1) IN GENERAL.—At the request of all gov-
6 ernments which nominated an area as a renewal
7 community, the Secretary of Housing and Urban
8 Development may expand the area of such commu-
9 nity to include any census tract if—

10 “(A)(i) at the time such community was
11 nominated, such community would have met the
12 requirements of this section using 1990 census
13 data even if such tract had been included in
14 such community, and

15 “(ii) such tract has a poverty rate using
16 2000 census data which exceeds the poverty
17 rate for such tract using 1990 census data, or

18 “(B)(i) such community would be de-
19 scribed in subparagraph (A)(i) but for the fail-
20 ure to meet one or more of the requirements of
21 paragraphs (2)(C)(i), (3)(C), and (3)(D) of
22 subsection (c) using 1990 census data,

23 “(ii) such community, including such tract,
24 has a population of not more than 200,000

1 using either 1990 census data or 2000 census
2 data,

3 “(iii) such tract meets the requirement of
4 subsection (c)(3)(C) using 2000 census data,
5 and

6 “(iv) such tract meets the requirement of
7 subparagraph (A)(ii).

8 “(2) EXCEPTION FOR CERTAIN CENSUS TRACTS
9 WITH LOW POPULATION IN 1990.—In the case of any
10 census tract which did not have a poverty rate deter-
11 mined by the Bureau of the Census using 1990 cen-
12 sus data, paragraph (1)(B) shall be applied without
13 regard to clause (iv) thereof.

14 “(3) SPECIAL RULE FOR CERTAIN CENSUS
15 TRACTS WITH LOW POPULATION IN 2000.—At the re-
16 quest of all governments which nominated an area
17 as a renewal community, the Secretary of Housing
18 and Urban Development may expand the area of
19 such community to include any census tract if—

20 “(A) either—

21 “(i) such tract has no population
22 using 2000 census data, or

23 “(ii) no poverty rate for such tract is
24 determined by the Bureau of the Census
25 using 2000 census data,

1 “(B) such tract is one of general distress,
2 and

3 “(C) such community, including such tract,
4 meets the requirements of subparagraphs (A)
5 and (B) of subsection (c)(2).

6 “(4) PERIOD IN EFFECT.—Any expansion
7 under this subsection shall take effect as provided in
8 subsection (b).”

9 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by
10 subsection (a) shall take effect as if included in the
11 amendments made by section 101 of the Community Re-
12 newal Tax Relief Act of 2000.

13 **SEC. 2. POPULATION CENSUS TRACTS WITH LOW POPU-**
14 **LATIONS TREATED AS LOW-INCOME COMMU-**
15 **NITIES FOR PURPOSES OF NEW MARKETS**
16 **TAX CREDIT.**

17 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subsection (e) of section 45D of
18 the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (relating to low-income
19 community) is amended by adding at the end the following
20 new paragraph:

21 “(4) TRACTS WITH LOW POPULATION.—A pop-
22 ulation census tract with a population of less than
23 2,000 shall be treated as a low-income community
24 for purposes of this section if such tract—

1 “(A) is within an empowerment zone, the
2 designation of which is in effect under section
3 1391, and

4 “(B) is contiguous to one or more low-in-
5 come communities (determined without regard
6 to this paragraph).”.

7 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by
8 this section shall apply to investments made after the date
9 of the enactment of this Act.

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